

YWCA Toronto Day

February 22, 2023

WHEREAS today marks the 150th anniversary of the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) Toronto, an organization dedicated to protecting gender rights and equality, while providing essential social services to those in need.

Since 1873, YWCA Toronto has changed the lives of over 25 million women, girls and gender-diverse people across our city. The organization has cared for the needs of survivors of trauma and abuse, and those in precarious housing situations or vulnerable circumstances. YWCA Toronto continues to provide supports through an extensive affordable housing program, a well-developed shelter system, and various employment, training and support programs.

The City of Toronto and the YWCA have a shared vision in seeking to provide equal access to social services for all of our residents. Our city is one of the most diverse cities in the world, but more hard work needs to be done to foster inclusivity, while also ensuring the equity and safety of our residents.

The City of Toronto recognizes the significant contributions of charities like the YWCA, which are dedicated to helping those in need in our community. Through active community work, fundraising and caring, we can build a welcoming city for all.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Deputy Mayor Jennifer McKelvie, on behalf of Toronto City Council, do hereby proclaim **February 22, 2023** as "**YWCA Toronto Day**" in the City of Toronto.



Jennifer McKelvie
Deputy Mayor of Toronto